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Dear Lawmakers and Fellow Connecticut Citizens,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pending legislation before you.

S.B. 16:

We all want our families and communities to be safe. The proposed legislation focuses on law abiding gun owners and does nothing to address real threats to our communities such as the opioid crisis or budget constraints affecting local police departments. The bill seeks to remedy a problem that no empirical evidence can show exists at the expense of responsible gun owners who follow the law. I oppose all parts of the bill and would like to especially call out points five (5) and seven (7). Point five (5) is discriminatory against those who need to take public transit as well as restricts a basic human right to selfdefence. Point seven (7) is shocking with respect to trampling civil liberties and runs counter to the Fourth Amendment.

H.B. 5416

I find the underlying premise dubious that a gun owner who follows the law would purchase several handguns for some unknown, potentially criminal reason. Additionally, this law is a slippery slope to say the least; limiting a Constitutional right to once every 30 days is a blueprint for a country that doesn't look like America. I oppose this bill.

S.B. 388, H.B. 5415 and H.B. 5412

I support these bills and urge you to pass them without modification.

I appreciate the time that you've taken to read my thoughts on the pending legislation. When considering how you will vote, I urge you to do what is right; protect the civil liberties of your fellow citizens and maintain fidelity to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Best regards,  
Patrick